



Sustainable Maryland Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Maryland Certification Report of College Park, a Sustainable Maryland silver certified applicant.

College Park was certified on October 11, 2022 with 580 points. Listed below is information regarding College Park's Sustainable Maryland efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which College Park was approved for in 2022 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

Community Action

Community-Based Public Art

15 Points

Program Summary: In November 2015, the City adopted Action Item 3.1 in its Strategic Plan: 2015 to 2020. The goal of the action item was to get developers to include public art in development plans for developments located in designated priority areas, or to add more public art in the City through separate initiatives. The program's requirements are communicated to developers during the site planning phase, with the intent of securing a formal commitment to install an art feature on the development's exterior. The developers then design the art installation and submit it to the City for our approval. After approval, the City provides a matching grant of up to \$15,000. The program is funded from the City budget, specifically from Planning and Zoning's Operating Costs. It was first funded in our FY2019 budget and was granted \$75,000 in the latest adopted City budget. The project is administered by Planning Director Terry Schum. In 2021, the City secured public art commitments from 3 developers.

PDF: [SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND-PUBLIC ART.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [PUBLIC ART AT LIDL IN COLLEGE PARK](#)

PDF: [PUBLIC ART.PDF](#)

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Community Action

5 Points

Program Summary: Janet McCaslin, Sustainability Coordinator attended the November 14, 2019 Leadership Training for Community Energy Efficiency: Meeting the Climate Deadline. Janet McCaslin, and Todd Larsen, Committee for a Better Environment Chair, attended the Route 1 Green Team Summit February 13, 2020. Learned what other Route 1 corridor communities are doing in their communities and shared what our City is working on. Brenda Alexander, Assistant Director of Public Works attended the Sustainability Tour at Riverdale Park Station on November 4, 2021. Brenda Alexander, Liaison to Bee City Committee and Anahi Espindola, Bee City member, attended the Creating a Pollinator Corridor online training on November 30, 2021. Janet McCaslin attended the Storm Water online Training on Monday, December 6, 2021. During this training I learned about several other flood prone areas in neighboring jurisdictions and what actions we could try to mitigate some of the problems.

PDF: [SM TOUR RIVERDALE PARK STATION.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [RIVERDALE PARK GREEN TOUR NOV 2021 IMG_4274.JPG](#)

PDF: [LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLIMATE ACTION.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [RT1 GREEN TEAM SUMMIT PICTURE.JPG](#)

Participation in MD Green Schools

10 Points

Program Summary: Paint Branch Elementary School (PBES) is a MAEOE-Certified Maryland Green School and serves children from the City of College Park. PBES green team added a garden in their atrium located in the lobby of the school. Because of COVID restrictions we have not had a visit since the fall of 2018 when the City's Sustainability Coordinator visited the school and presented information on recycling and composting. Hollywood Elementary School is a 2020 MAEOE-Certified Maryland Green School and serves children the City of college Park. In November 2019 the Sustainability Coordinator met with several classes and discussed recycling. The Center for Young Children (CYC) is a MAEOE-Certified Maryland Green School and serves children from the City of College Park as well as other jurisdictions. CYC attained the highest award of Platinum from the Office of sustainability's Green Office program. CYC was one of the first offices to receive the Platinum status by showing how they go above and beyond the Green Office program's specified actions. Some of the actions taken by CYC include collecting plastic bags for recycling, becoming a Maryland Green School, composting, growing a vegetable garden, using reusable plates and utensils for office events, and having a staff salad bar Monday, as well as incorporating a "Trash-free Tuesdays" lunch in order to minimize waste.

IMAGE: [CYC GREEN SCHOOL PAGE](#)

IMAGE: [PAINT BRANCH GREEN TEAM SCREEN SHOT](#)

PDF: [HOLLYWOOD PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [CYC PLAQUE](#)

Conduct Community Barriers and Benefits Assessment

15 Points

Program Summary: In 2021, the Committee for A Better Environment (CBE) created a new sustainability survey. College Park is committed to going green to create a more livable city that has lower impacts on the Earth. CBE created this survey to hear from residents about steps they are taking to be sustainable and actions the City can take. Results from this survey will help us understand what residents are doing to go green in their lives, how sustainable College Park is overall, and provide important information about what residents think are priorities for the City. After the survey was complete and the results were in, the group held a virtual Sustainability Discussion; the recording is available on our website <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/186/Boards-Commissions#CBE>.

PDF: [CBE SURVEY ANSWERS](#)

PDF: [CBE SUSTAINABILITY DISCUSSION AND SLIDES](#)

PDF: [CBE SUSTAINABILITY DISCUSSION ADVERTISEMENT](#)

Complete a Green Team Action Plan

10 Points

Program Summary: 2022 The City's Green Team - The Committee for a Better Environment (CBE) will focus on continuing storm drain painting to help educate residents that only rain should go in the drain. Continue with tree identification program. Research creating a plastic bag ban in the City. Attached is our 3-year Action Plan. In 2020 the group held a Project Draw Down online event on May 30, 2020 which was well attended. From this meeting the group created a list of items they want the City Council to tackle in the future. In addition, the group prepares a yearly report to Council explaining all the things the group has done in the past year as well as a work plan for the coming year. The City's Green Team established initial three-year goals in 2013 prior to achieving Sustainable Maryland certification. In 2015, College Park approved a 5-year Strategic Plan which covers citywide goals for environmental sustainability. The sustainability action items include: a permaculture plan, community gardens, a city operations sustainability plan, a community sustainability plan, partnerships with the University of Maryland, stormwater improvements, and additional parks. That plan is provided as an attachment. As the Committee for a Better Environment carries forward the City's Sustainable Maryland certification, it also has focused interests that correspond with the City's plan. Those goals are provided as an attachment. The group continues to strive for a more sustainable College Park. We have prepared a draft SMART/PAYT report that will be presented to the Mayor and Council in July 2019. CBE Ongoing Business July 2019 forward: · Next workshops—wildflower · Translation of CBE brochures into Spanish · Supports creating an ordinance requiring a permit for tree removals (Tree and Landscape Board) · Opposition of Artificial Turf Grass on local fields Possible focus for the coming year: · Trash and litter reduction. Increase re-use and recycling. · Water quality · Tree cover/canopy (working with Tree and Landscape Board) · Renewable energy · Community Education

WORD: [CBE MINUTES 05.18.2020](#)

PDF: [PROJECT DRAWDOWN VIRTUAL MEETING MAY 2020](#)

PDF: [CBE GAP ANALYSIS](#)

PDF: [CBE ANNUAL REPORT 2021](#)

PDF: [CBE THREE YEAR PLAN 07.26.22.PDF](#)

PDF: [GREEN TEAM INITIAL ACTION PLAN](#)

Create Sustainability Resource Center

5 Points

Program Summary: BROCHURES The Committee for a Better Environment (CBE) which is our Green Team, provides sustainability resources on the City's website: <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/boards#CBE>. In addition, the CBE Liaison performs outreach in the community. During community outreach, brochures are available on several topics such as: tree planting, tree pruning, lawn care, natural mosquito control methods, water conservation, rain gardens and rain barrels. Typically, we can go through about 25 copies of each brochure at events. COMMUNITY LIBRARY For many years, the Committee for a Better Environment has provided several books and movies on sustainability and other environmental topics to the College Park Community Library. The items are spread throughout their collection, which is located at the College Park Church of the Nazarene, 9704 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park. The community library doesn't have the ability to reference how many times an item has been checked out as it is a volunteer based group. TIP OF THE MONTH: CBE promotes a "Tip of the month" in the city's online newsletter "The Municipal Scene". About 100 newsletters are printed and mailed to residents who have no access to online and have registered to receive it by mail. About 25 copies are available in each city facility, it is also emailed to residents who have signed up to receive information from the City; we average 2,500 page views, opened by approximately 400 people per month. In addition, it is posted on social media and neighborhood list-serves. Topics for the past year have included: · July 2021 - Heating/AC sized right · August 2021 - Keep your home cool correctly · September 2021 - Lawn Mower replacement · October 2021 - Reuse the Art we used last year "Leave the Leaves graphic" · December 2021 - Storm drain messaging "Only Rain In The Drain" · January 2022 - Natural Ice Control · February - Turn down your thermostat · March – Mouse and Rat control (environmentally safe) · April 2022 - Plant Clover · May 2022 - Green Cleaning · June 2022- Environmentally Safe Mosquito control CBE receives occasional feedback from residents regarding topics we have promoted. The feedback has been positive, which shows that residents are willing to make behavioral changes to help support a better environment.

IMAGE: [LIBRARY INTERIOR PHOTO](#)

IMAGE: [CBE BROCHURES](#)

IMAGE: [CBE TABLE AT CP DAY](#)

PDF: [GREEN AWARDS BROCHURE](#)

Create Green Team

10 Points

Program Summary: On August 9th, 2011, the College Park City Council passed a resolution for the City to pursue actions and initiatives that would ultimately lead toward the City's certification within the Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipal Communities program. In March 2012, College Park adopted 12-R-06, a Resolution establishing the Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team. In September 2015, the Green Team was merged into the Committee for a Better Environment. The CBE is one of the City's oldest and most distinguished committees and continues the goals of Sustainable Maryland. The CBE meets on the 4th Thursday of most months at Davis Hall (9217 51st Avenue, College Park.) Meetings are open to the public. Agendas and minutes are available on our website. The CBE web page is <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/boards#CBE>

PDF: [GREEN TEAM CBE LETTER](#)

PDF: [4.25.22 CBE MINUTES FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [05.23.22 CBE MINUTES FINAL.PDF](#)

PDF: [CBE ROSTER 07.21.22.PDF](#)

PDF: [CBE ANNUAL REPORT 2021.PDF](#)

PDF: [CBE MEETINGS FOR 2022.PDF](#)

Community Based Food System

Create a Food Forest

15 Points

Program Summary: PERMACULTURE GARDEN: Background: Following a research and design process led by the City of College Park Committee for a Better Environment (CBE) and the City's Planning Department, along with community input, the City's Trolley Trail Permaculture Garden was planted in October 2014. The Phase 1 plantings consisted of over 150 trees, shrubs, and other plants. The garden is located along Rhode Island Avenue between Greenbelt Road and Tecumseh Street. Funding was provided from the Committee for a Better Environment's FY 2015 planting budget, and each year there is a portion of the CBE's budget assigned to maintenance and new plantings. Maintenance and management is provided by a group of volunteers recruited from current CBE members and other interested community members. The city provides tools and organic matter (compost and wood mulch). April 2019 CBE replaced some trees and plants, weeded, and mulched as part of a Good Neighbor Day event. In December 2019, staff designed a planting area using herbaceous plants that would tie in with the permaculture garden. Plants installed included: New Jersey tea, wholly thyme, lamb's ears, lavender, betony, sumac. For Good Neighbor Day 2020 (November) additional herbs were purchased for the volunteers to plant that would supplement the remaining herb plants and signs were installed indicating a "no-mow zone". Unfortunately, in the fall of 2021 the stormwater contractor that maintains the area around the stepping pool that is adjacent to the planting, sprayed a herbicide killing many of the plants. We are planning another round of plantings this spring 2022, with a border around them. During Good Neighbor Day 2021, a volunteer group along with a few CBE members performed basic clean-up and mulching at the permaculture garden.

PDF: [TROLLEY TRAIL PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

PDF: [TROLLEY TRAIL DRAWING.PDF](#)

PDF: [GND PICTURES.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [TOLLEY TRAIL FOREST GARDEN LIST.JPG](#)

PDF: [PLANT AND ID PICTURES 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [PERMACULTURE DOCUMENTATION.PDF](#)

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Community Based Food

5 Points

Program Summary: FUNDING FOR FOOD AID: In FY20 and FY21 the City provided \$174,000 to three local food organizations—Meals on Wheels, College Park Community Food Bank, and Route 1 Communities Care—to help them meet basic food needs of area residents impacted by COVID. In FY22, the City granted \$50,000 to each of those organizations, as well as \$50,000 each to two additional local food providers—the Community Meals Program at College Park United Methodist, and Helpers To Good, Inc. Each of these organizations deliver food staples or cooked meals, allow area residents to pick up food staples, or provide a cooked meal at their facility. The organization’s staff and volunteers are responsible for all aspects of each program. The program is geared to help low-income residents of all ages residing in the College Park area.

PDF: [FOOD BANK DONATION FUNDING DOCUMENT.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [SCREENSHOT 2022-02-18 140635 FOOD BANK SUPPORT.PNG](#)

Establish Local Farmers Market

10 Points

Program Summary: The City of College Park began with two farmers markets: the Downtown Farmers Market and the Hollywood Farmers Market. The Downtown Farmers Market started in 2011 and closed during the reconstruction of the new City Hall in 2019 and has not reopened. The Hollywood Farmers Market started in 2013 and was in operation during the 2021 and 2022 growing seasons. The market runs from May-November during the growing season. However, Hollywood Farmers Market Vendors conduct drop-offs of pre-ordered produce, meats, desserts, and coffee during winter at Duvall Field. The Department of Public Works provides carts for trash, recycling, and food scraps during the normal season of operation, May-November. The Hollywood Farmers Market runs from the first Saturday of May to the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The hours are from 9:00am-1:00pm. The Market Manager, Julie Beavers, manages the social media, new vendor inquiries, market layout, counting the number of attendees, vendor fees, paying the entertainment, keeping up to date on state and county regulations, and procuring the permits. There were between 10 and 15 vendors in the 2021 season of produce, honey, coffee, meats, cheeses, prepared food, baked goods, liquor, spices and crafts. The city pays the Manager \$165.00/market day, and \$25.00/hour for other work during the week. The vendor fees are \$10.00/market. The fees pay for entertainment, such as Yoga, arts, and face painting. Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hollywoodmarket/> and website <https://hollywoodmarket.org> The City actively promotes the Farmers Market through their Facebook and Twitter posts, the Municipal Scene Newsletter, the Here and Now Newspaper and the Weekly Bulletin. Our average customer number is 200/day and average sales is \$700/day.

PDF: [FARMERS MARKET DOCUMENTATION](#)

PDF: [HOLLYWOOD FARMERS MARKET 2022 OPENING](#)

Community Gardens

15 Points

Program Summary: The City of College Park has two community gardens: the Hollywood Garden and the Old Town Garden. Both were active during the 2021 growing season. The city provides compost and mulch to the gardens. Website <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/citygardens> The first College Park Community Garden was established in 2015 near the Old Town playground at the corner of Norwich Road and Columbia Avenue on land the City owns. It currently has 38 plots, all pesticide-free, of which 36 are in use for the current season. Plots are raised beds measuring 40 square feet in area. The City's Community Development Planner maintains plot registrations. Members pay a nominal \$15 fee to rent a plot with additional funding provided by the City. The garden is promoted via the City's listserv and social media during the spring and early summer and in the weekly bulletin in the Spring. In 2018 a second Community Garden was established on non-city-owned land in North College Park at the corner of Edgewood Road and Rhode Island Avenue. It has 14 plots. Community Garden Rules: Garden access is limited to plot holders and authorized guests only. The gardens use raised beds. All plots are approximately 40 sq ft and arranged so that gardeners can reach in from at least two sides. The plots are 4 feet wide so that a person can reach the middle of their plot without stepping into the soil. Pesticides are not allowed. Water is provided at both gardens A completed membership application, a signed hold harmless agreement and \$15 registration payment is required. Currently, there are 38 plots in the Old Town Garden and 14 plots in the Hollywood Garden, for a total of 52 plots. However, 8 gardeners use the Hollywood Garden and 20 use the Old Town garden, as members are allowed to rent up to 3 plots per person/family.

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDEN PRESENTATION](#)

PDF: [COMMUNITY GARDEN 2021](#)

PDF: [NCP CREATION.PDF](#)

Energy

Municipal Electric Vehicles

15 Points

Program Summary: In July of 2018 an Electric Vehicle Charging Station was installed at Public Works (9217 51st Avenue) for internal city vehicles. Model HCS-40 cost \$2,723 to obtain and install. In 2020/2021 the city worked with EV Institute to obtain and install at no cost to the city, two more Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the parking lot of Public Works for internal city vehicles (Model EVP-1001-00). The City purchased a 2019 Chevrolet Bolt fully electric car. The city purchased 2 more Chevrolet Bolt fully electric cars in FY20 for the City's Public Services Department (Parking and Code Enforcement). The electric vehicles operate well and can perform the functions needed efficiently, we are very pleased with their performance. The city is leasing another 2022 Chevrolet Bolt EV 1LT 4dr Wagon, bringing the total to 4 four EV vehicles in the City's Fleet. The City has the following hybrid vehicles: two 2014 Honda Insights, eight 2017 Ford C-Max, and a 2019 Ford E-450 hybrid 21-person bus. The percentage of cars in the fleet that are electric or hybrid is 66%. The plan is to replace small sedans with electric sedans and to continue to monitor the progress on mid-size and heavy-duty trucks for possible electric consideration. The industry is making good progress in the area of heavy trucks, but we want to be sure they can perform the required duty we need which is 24/7 operability in emergencies. Included in the attached "Mayor Presentation on green fleet" is a chart that shows fuel reduction. The results are not as positive as one would expect, this is due to Covid 19 restrictions. For over a year, DPW had to separate each crew into multiple vehicles to reduce the potential to spread Covid. Usually there is 1 driver and 2 laborers in each truck, but due to Covid the driver was alone in the truck and the laborers shared a separate vehicle.

PDF: [2022 CHEVROLET BOLT EV \(HAS GOVT. INCENTIVE PLEASE REVIEW SPECS\).PDF](#)

PDF: [MAYOR PRESENTATION ON GREEN FLEET.PDF](#)

PDF: [MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC VEHICLES BINDER.PDF](#)

PDF: [EV CHARGERS.PDF](#)

Renewable Energy

15 Points

Program Summary: Location A – Landscape Garage at 9219 51st Avenue, College Park. Solar Photovoltaic System is direct ownership and we use all energy produced. The rooftop solar installation is a 31 kW Solar photovoltaic system. It is projected to save \$4,438 annually due to this project. This moves the City closer to meeting its target of 20% renewable . Altenergy, Inc., the project contractor. Projected Cost: \$86,094. Partial funding of \$50,000 was provided through the Maryland Energy Administration's Maryland Smart Energy Communities grant program. \$36,094 of matching funds came from the City's Facilities Capital Reserve. The rooftop solar photovoltaic panel was completed in February 2021. Location B – Fleet Garage at 9219 51st Avenue, College Park. Solar project at DPW Fleet Garage is a direct ownership and we use all energy produced. The City received a grant through a Maryland Energy Administration for the design, construction and maintenance of this 30 kW solar photovoltaic system. In January 2018 we contracted to AltEnergy and the project was completed in late 2018. Total cost of the project was \$96,730. Between 2019-2021 the landscape garage has generated 125.35 MWh. Location C - Youth and Family Services Building (YFS) 4912 Nantucket Avenue. Solar project is a direct ownership and we use all energy produced. The City of College Park submitted a grant to the Maryland Smart Energy Committee for funding for a 31 kW solar photovoltaic system. Advanced Solar from White Plains MD performed the installation. The cost of the project was \$99,600.00. The installation was completed in June 2017. We have realized a significant savings of approximately 40% in energy kilowatt hours at the facility. Between 2019-2021 it has produced 113.52 MWh. Since the installation in 2017 – July 2022 we have saved 137,402.69 kg CO2. We use both wind energy purchased through Pepco for some buildings and many light poles. Between this and the solar we use approximately 50% green power citywide.

PDF: [ADVANCED SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES 16.08.1STAMENDMENT.SOLAR PANELS AT YFS.PDF](#)

PDF: [ALTENERGY, INC. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [LANDSCAPE GARAGE ALTENERGY SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM CONTRACT.RS.PDF](#)

PDF: [SOLAR AT DPW.PDF](#)

PDF: [SOLAR LOCATIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [SOLAR ENERGY GRAPHICS 2022.PDF](#)

Residential Electric Vehicles and Public Charging Stations

10 Points

Program Summary: In 2016, to support the use of Electric Vehicles in the area, the City of College Park installed two public charging stations (two - J1772 Ports) in the City parking garage at the intersection of Knox Road and Yale Avenue. The City maintains this location. The ports were at the end of their lifecycle and were replaced in July 2022. Many residents and visitors to the city have used them over the past 6 years. There are no specific policies regarding use, but at present they are still free to the public. In 2021, the City worked with Pepco to install a public charging station in the public parking lot of Public Works, and 2 public charging stations (TurboDX Type 4 Port) in the rear parking area behind the new City Hall on Yale Avenue. Users must pay to use the Pepco installed ports; there are no other specific policies regarding their use. Pepco maintains these locations. Other public charging stations in the city are included in a map that is attached.

PDF: [EV PUBLIC CHARGERS COMBINED.PDF](#)

PDF: [EV PARKING PAGE UPDATED.PDF](#)

PDF: [EV CHARGING MAP.PDF](#)

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Energy

5 Points

Program Summary: LED Street light projects. Conversion from 150 WATT High-Pressure Sodium (HPS) fixtures to 150 WATT LED fixtures. LED street lights reduce the City's energy use to keep the streets and trails well-lit to promote safe travel and recreation. • Converted 16 streetlights in the Old Town neighborhood along Rhode Island Avenue between Campus Drive and Calvert Road • Converted all existing HPS streetlights (150) to LEDs, and added 42 new LED streetlights along 53rd Avenue, from Lackawanna Street to Edgewood Road in North College Park • Hollywood Shopping Center - added 22 energy-efficient LED lights and 4 Floodlights. • The city continues to maintain the LED lighting in our parking garage which was retrofitted with LED lighting in 2015. Since the retrofit, we have seen a 28% decrease in energy.

PDF: [SM STREETLIGHTS.PDF](#)

PDF: [LED STREET LIGHT EXPANSION.PDF](#)

PDF: [ELECTRICITY - CP PARKING GARAGE KWH USAGE UPDATED 6_16_22.PDF](#)

EXCEL: [CP PARKING GARAGE KWH USAGE](#)

Municipal Energy Audits

20 Points

Program Summary: Level 2 Audits were performed in 2015 on three of our buildings. Two were done at our Public Works facility: Davis Hall and the Fleet Garage; and one was done at our Youth and Family Services Building, for a total of 3 audits. With the results of these energy audits, many new projects have been done, including roof-top solar panel installations at three of our facilities (Youth and Family Services awarded 2016, Fleet Garage at DPW awarded 2018, and the Landscape Garage at DPW awarded 2019) and the installation of EV charging stations at DPW for new electric vehicles. The rooftop solar installation at our Public Works landscape garage facility is 30 kW Solar Photovoltaic System The rooftop solar installation at our Public Works Fleet garage is 30 kW. Between 2019-2021 the landscape garage has generated 125.35 MWh. The rooftop solar installation at Youth and Family Services Building is 31 kW. Between 2019-2021 it has produced 113.52 MWh. Since the installation in 2017 – July 2022 we have saved 137,402.69 kg CO₂. Replaced Air Conditioning unit in the server room in Davis Hall in 2022 to a more energy-efficient model specially designed for the heat created in server rooms. During remodel of Old Parish House (between 2019-present) a new air conditioning unit was installed at to replace an old inefficient unit, and ceiling fans were installed to increase air flow and cool efficiently. In 2016, replaced the single thickness fleet garage overhead doors with insulated doors to reduce heat loss during the winter.

PDF: [DAVIS HALL LEVEL 2 AUDIT](#)

PDF: [FLEET GARAGE LEVEL 2 AUDIT](#)

PDF: [YOUTH AND FAMILY LEVEL 2 AUDIT](#)

PDF: [SOLAR FILES.PDF](#)

PDF: [EXHIBIT A MEA SOLAR GRANT 2018-06-420S1 LANDSCAPE GARAGE.PDF](#)

PDF: [SOLAR ENERGY GRAPHICS 2022.PDF](#)

Greenhouse Gas

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Greenhouse Gas

45 Points

Program Summary: The Department of Public Works (DPW) purchased 2 battery-operated commercial blowers for the landscape crew. The crew will evaluate the feasibility of switching over to battery-operated equipment in the near future. DPW created an anti-idling campaign for drivers to follow. Educational signs were created and mounted on walls in city buildings in highly visible areas such as near time clocks and in common areas. Since this is a behavior change, it will take time to see results. City vehicles have tracking devices installed in them that are monitored by management. During days of extreme cold and extreme heat we have had some noncompliance. The air conditioning unit in the server room was replaced with an energy-efficient unit designed for use in server rooms. The Committee for a Better Environment designed circular car magnets to designate their environmental preference regarding methods of transportation 1.) My next car will be electric 2.) my next car will be a bicycle 3.) EV - charged with green power. The magnets are available to the public at DPW and at College Park day and other city events, although we don't keep track of how many have been given out, the supply has been dwindling. The City and the University are partners in a new City Hall, UMD offices, and public plaza. The building meets the LEED Gold requirements and is currently awaiting certification. The City-University Partnership's Homeownership Program (<https://collegeparkpartnership.org/homeownershipprogram/>) has facilitated 78 home sales since its inception in 2015, helping University and City employees live where they work. The program—funded through grants from Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development, UMD and the City of College Park—launched in 2015 and provides the funding to homebuyers through interest-free, 10-year forgivable loans. This program reduces transportation-related GHG emissions because the new homeowners no longer have a long commute, and if they choose, they can bike, walk or take UMD Shuttle to work.

<https://collegeparkpartnership.org/homeownershipprogram/homebuyers/>. As quoted by homebuyer #76, "We just love the access here. Ted can bike or walk to the work, and I can take the Metro into Washington, D.C.," mentioned Suzy. "Yeah, my 20-minute drive is now an 8-minute drive, it is so nice, I love walking to the grocery store, to Route 1 restaurants, or other amenities"

PDF: [BLOWER.AND.BATTERY.PDF](#)

PDF: [CBE MAGNETS TO SHOW ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT](#)

PDF: [CPCUP HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM](#)

PDF: [THE IMPACTS OF IDLING 2UP LEDGER SIZE.PDF](#)

PDF: [COLLEGE PARK CITY HALL REDEVELOPMENT FACT SHEET.PDF](#)

Municipal Carbon Footprint

15 Points

Program Summary: The City signed an MOU with the UMD Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability (PALS) in February, 2015. Under this program, the University performed a Greenhouse Gas Inventory as part of a larger UMD partnership. Each year we continue to act on the recommendations provided to reduce our GHG numbers. The city is still working toward implementing all the past recommendations, so another inventory is not planned. From 2020-2022, the progress the City has made towards reducing our GHG emissions are: · · Installed programmable thermostats throughout the City · Installed LED lighting with occupancy features that allow them to turn off when not needed · Replacement of 2 older model dump trucks with new slightly smaller, efficient dump trucks · Purchased and installed 3 additional EV Stations at Public Works for city vehicles · Purchased a 20 passenger Hybrid Bus · Installation of additional solar panels on DPW Landscape Garage · Passed a Bulk Trash Ordinance restricting the number of items residents can throw away (encouraging reuse). In May 2020, the Mayor and Council passed Ordinance 20-O-02, to amend City Code Chapter 119, "Refuse, Solid Waste and Special Trash" and Chapter 110, "Fees and Penalties." It changes how bulky trash is collected, sets fees for collections of an excess number of items, and sets penalties for violations. The changes went into effect on July 1, 2021. From July 1, 2021 until May 1, 2022 bulk trash tonnage was reduced by 189.91 tons!

PDF: [SOLAR FILES FOR LANDSCAPE GARAGE 2020-21](#)

PDF: [ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES AS OF 11.15.21](#)

PDF: [EV CHARGING STATION, PO'S AND PICTURES FOR ELECTRIC VOLT](#)

IMAGE: [JULY-APRIL BULK COMP.PNG](#)

PDF: [ENERGY AUDITS BINDER 2015.PDF](#)

PDF: [BULK TRASH CHANGES BROCHURE 2021](#)

Health & Wellness

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Health & Wellness

10 Points

Program Summary: The mission of the City of College Park Seniors Program is to support self-determination, reduce isolation and promote a sense of purpose among the residents 62 years and above, through individualized services, emotional support, social engagement and connection to community resources. Senior Services promotes Health and Wellness activities to keep seniors physically and mentally well. Service to the older adults within the City of College Park continues, but format of service delivery altered since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Program staff strongly encouraged vaccinations, social distancing, utilization of masks and hand sanitizer and virtual services. The City provides services to vulnerable adults with varying degrees of compromised health. Due to social distancing the primary mode of communication has been newsletters, telephone calls, limited office contact and most recently outdoor activity with a limited number of participants. Senior Services regularly publicized via the city website, monthly newsletters, and periodic mailings to senior residences on the mailing list. Flyers are often posted at the two senior subsidized housing facilities within the City. The City of College Park funds Senior Services as outlined in the annual adopted budget. The City provides free transportation for seniors to obtain medical care and treatment. Transportation is provided to Farmers Market and local grocery stores to purchase fruits, vegetables, and other goods. Transportation is also possible to local food banks for seniors. Staff support is available to assist with the application process to access Food Stamps and Medicaid. Staff delivered a monthly activity packet to the homes of interested senior participants. Packets contain puzzles, games, teasers, and trivia to stimulate brain health. Staff delivered meals door-to-door on specified occasions. Newsletters highlight virtual dance/exercise; Covid updates; Medicare enrollment information; health workshops; Mental Health awareness; and resources pertinent to older adults. Senior Services hosted an outdoor safety seminar where Prince George's County Police presented and led the discussion. City of College Park Seniors Program website: <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/seniorsprogram>

PDF: [SENIORS BINDER.PDF](#)

Workplace Wellness Program

15 Points

Program Summary: In 2005, the City began its Wellness Program, which is managed by the Human Resources Department. It has grown into a comprehensive program that includes the City's insurance coverage, frequent lunch hour seminars, workshops, and an employee reimbursement program for fitness activities outside of the office. During the annual Health and Wellness Fair, employees are provided with access to various health-focused opportunities, for example, flu shots, basic blood tests, one-on-one consultation with dietitians, personal trainers, massage therapists, and information on other wellness topics in a fun and convenient environment. During 2019 and 2021, we had approximately 75 employees in attendance. In 2020, we opted not to hold the benefits fair due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Several reimbursement programs are offered to our employees that are related to wellness. Some are:

- Wellness Reimbursement Program reimburses up to \$75 per fiscal year for each eligible employee who participates in a fitness program or purchases fitness-related equipment for personal use at home. Examples of eligible programs include

membership in a gym or fitness center; participation in a healthy lifestyle program such as weight loss, quitting smoking, or exercise classes. An average of 15-20 employees submits their request for the \$75 reimbursement yearly. • Gold Gym Reimbursement: the gym offers our employees and their families a low-price membership; the City will refund each employee \$10.00 monthly when they attend the gym at least five times per month. Over the past three years, we have had 10-15 employees enrolled in Gold's Gym; however, many employees use gyms closer to their neighborhoods. • Smarttrip Contribution: The City offers a program to all full-time staff that encourages the use of public transit for commuting purposes. College Park will contribute \$75.00 per month on the employee smarttrip card when commuting back and forth to work at the City at least 50% of their scheduled workdays. In addition, the City has coordinated various lunchtime weekly classes that encourage all employees' self-care and mental wellness. Some of the courses offered covered topics from stretching, meditation, and cancer awareness. Attendance to the lunch and learn sessions varied per topic and location; it fluctuated from 10 – 20 people. Recently many of these sessions have been virtually due to the pandemic and social distancing requirements. In addition, the HR department sends out weekly emails to all staff on various wellness topics such as back problems, hydration, eating habits, to name a few. In 2019, College Park created a walking club. On Fridays, employees will meet at 12:30pm to go for a ½ mile walk to relieve stress and get to know each other. Approximately 12 employees participated in the program. Unfortunately, because of COVID, the program didn't continue in 2020 or 2021. We are planning to revamp the walking club in the spring of 2022. Understanding the amount of stress 2020-2021 caused our staff, the City offered a series of free chair massages at two of our locations. During our events and award ceremonies, the City has provided healthy food options for staff with plenty of water to drink. Recently, we have done Fruit Fridays for employees to recognize their efforts in serving the residents. To spread awareness and fight COVID 19, the City approved a monetary bonus for all employees that have received the Covid booster. Currently, 90% of our staff are vaccinated and boosted. Furthermore, the City has implemented that all new hires must be fully vaccinated for Covid. In 2022, the City has started with some new health initiatives for our staff. The City recently sponsored a lunchtime tennis class for all employees. The 1st session occurred in January, with eight employees enrolled, and the 2nd session occurred in March. We are exploring offering other classes to staff (maybe skating, yoga, or an art class). The City of College Park has several policies in place that promote wellness. Smoking is prohibited in our buildings, cars, and at least 25 feet from the buildings. We provide information on smoking cessation through our health insurance at low or no cost to our employees. Furthermore, as of September 2021, the City has implemented a COVID-19 policy to prevent and control the transmission of the spread of the virus. This policy has been revised as recommendations and guidelines are updated by the CDC. The above practices and incentives have allowed College Park to continue being recognized as one of the Healthiest Maryland Businesses. The HMB and the City aim to raise awareness of the importance of a healthy workforce and health policies in the workplace.

PDF: [WELLNESS EMAIL.CLASSES.PRESENTATIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [EMPLOYEE WELLNESS POLICY](#)

PDF: [WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT FORM](#)

PDF: [WORKPLACE WELLNESS PICTURES.PDF](#)

Join Healthiest Maryland Businesses

5 Points

Program Summary: The City is a 2022 "Exemplar" business. The city is sent a survey annually from Healthiest Maryland to answer questions for a particular award. The survey asks questions such as: are we making educational sessions available on diabetes, high cholesterol, blood pressure, smoking cessation, etc. Our Health Insurance company provides the information needed to submit. We have wellness programs such as exercising, massages, nutrition classes, financial wellness training, and mental health training. Private breastfeeding rooms were included in the design of the new City Hall, and all offices are equipped with standing desks and the feedback has been very positive. The safety officer teaches CPR classes to staff, and there are Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in each city facility. The city is recognized for its commitment to improving the health of our workforce. This program works to build and promote a culture of wellness in the workplace – fostering an environment that makes the healthiest choice the easiest choice.

PDF: [HEALTHIEST MD SUBMISSIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [2022 MD HEALTHIES BUSINESS SCREENSHOT.PDF](#)

Local Economies

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Local Economies

35 Points

Program Summary: FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - The goal of this program is to assist local businesses and commercial property owners with capital improvements that enhance the physical appearance of the business and the commercial district. This existing program has been modified to eliminate the requirement for providing matching funds. The City will reimburse the total cost of improvements not to exceed \$15,000 for exterior improvements and \$5,000 for interior improvements. The total amount of the grant shall not exceed \$15,000 for any property. The City will accept applications on a rolling basis until funding is exhausted. Funds are provided after the work has been completed. The Economic Development Manager oversees the Façade Improvement Program. Annual Funding of \$150,000 is received from both the City (\$75,000) and State (\$75,000). REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT - As part of the City of College Park's effort to attract high-quality redevelopment, the Revitalization Tax Credit Program provides financial incentives by creating revitalization districts in the City and setting criteria for granting property tax credits against the municipal corporation property tax imposed on city real property. Qualifying projects are eligible to receive a 5-year tax credit on city real property taxes based on the increased assessment attributed to the taxable improvements upon project completion as determined by the Supervisor of Assessments. The tax credit shall be in an amount equal to 75% of the increased assessment of city tax imposed in the first year; 60% in the second year; 45% in the third year; 30% in the fourth year; and 15% in the fifth year. The Revitalization Tax Credit was created November 27, 2012 by the City of College Park with the purpose of providing financial incentive and to encourage economic development and redevelopment by creating

revitalization districts in the City. The basic criteria to receive this tax credit can be found at the following link: <https://ecode360.com/26906652> ARPA FUNDING PROGRAMS - To better understand the ongoing needs of residents and businesses the City asked for input from those who live and work within the City. A community forum was held on November 30, 2021. The American Rescue Plan delivers financial aid to governments to aid in recovery from the COVID-19 emergency. The City will receive \$22 million as a part of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program to aid our residents, businesses and nonprofits. The ARPA Forum was hosted on November 30, 2021 via Zoom. A total of 22 visitors in attendance. The City's survey consisted of 20 questions that sought the residents' feedback on ARPA spending. The City received 87 responses to the survey which is attached. Additional efforts included spending ARPA funds on compost. The ARPA Survey Results are in the file attached named "ARPA binder". The City of College Park Department of Public Works (DPW) provides free paper shredding for its residents one to two times per year during our cleanup events. In 2020 we diverted 3.29 tons of shredded paper, and it cost \$700 for 4 hours of shredding. In the fall of 2021, we diverted 2.5 tons of shredded paper, but the price increased to \$800 for 4 hours of shredding. On April 2, 2022, we diverted 2.75 tons of shredded paper. To keep Styrofoam out of the landfill we offer a drop-off program in April and October during our cleanup events. In the spring 30 large (95-gallon) bags were diverted from the landfill; in the fall, we diverted 28 (95-gallon) bags. Starting in December 2021, DPW rolled out a drop-off program for residents to divert Styrofoam from the landfill. The 95-gallon white cart is labeled and available 24/7, located at the entrance to Public Works. Approximately 2 (95-gallon) bags are diverted from the landfill weekly. DPW started a new initiative to keep some common household hazardous waste out of the landfill. Mail back boxes were purchased from Call2Recycle (\$115.00) and Bulbcycle (\$301.96) so we could collect fluorescent bulbs/tubes, and batteries for recycling. In 2020 we diverted 321 lbs of lightbulbs and tubes, and 446 lbs of batteries. In the fall of 2021, we diverted 77 lbs. of lightbulbs and tubes, and 126 lbs. of batteries. To encourage our residents to recycle their paint DPW contracted with Yuck Paint to have our first-ever paint recycling event. We collected 2,247 gallons of paint which equates to 9 tons of paint being diverted from the landfill! The city paid all costs associated - \$11,000. Established a drop-off electronics location at DPW for residents to drop off e-waste to be recycled. By recycling these items, we help keep harmful metals out of the landfill such as chromium, mercury and beryllium that pose environmental risks. Our e-waste vendor is Securis, an IT Asset Auditing, Recycling & Destruction company in Chantilly, VA. Securis picks up our material on an as need basis. In FY20 we diverted 13.72 tons of e-waste which cost \$6,091. In FY21 we diverted 11.46 tons of e-waste which cost \$7,010. The city actively promotes these events through the city's Facebook and Twitter posts, the city's Municipal Scene Newsletter and the Weekly Bulletin.

PDF: [BUSINESS BEAT NOVEMBER 2021_202111192050178255.PDF](#)

PDF: [FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION SEPTEMBER 2020_202010051602195933.PDF](#)

PDF: [20-R-01 GILBANE_REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK CP.PNG](#)

PDF: [ARPA BINDER.PDF](#)

PDF: [CLEANUP BINDER FOR SM.PDF](#)

Organic Waste Composting

20 Points

Program Summary: COMPOST AND WOOD MULCH: The city has a year-round yard waste collection service that has been in place for over 20 years. In FY21 2,600 tons of yard waste and leaves were collected and processed into compost, and 1,200 tons of leaves were tipped here by surrounding communities. With this material, Smartleaf® compost is produced and sold for \$28.00 a cubic yard for use in gardens and landscapes. In FY21 we sold 2,947 cubic yards of Smartleaf® compost. The city also collects brush, logs, and branches from residents and contracts with a vendor to process them on-site into wood mulch. In FY21 we collected and processed 415 tons of brush. We sell the wood mulch for \$12.00 a cubic yard; in FY21 we sold 882.5 cubic yards of mulch. More information is available at <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/compost>. BACKYARD COMPOSTING: In April 2017 the City rolled out a program allowing residents to purchase a Backyard Compost Bin for \$20 and the city pays the remaining portion; this provides an affordable way for residents to compost organic material in their own backyard. As of May 9, 2022, we have sold 330 compost bins to divert organic matter from the landfill. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF: In April 2019, the city began a year-round, 24/7 food scrap drop-off program at Public Works along with an additional Farmers Market location that was open seasonally (May-November). To encourage participation, we mailed postcards to all households in the city and advertised a free 5-gallon transport bucket to the first 50 participants. We gave away all the buckets in one day and ordered more to roll out the opening of the Farmers Market; to date 199 buckets have been given out at no cost to residents. February 2020 a second drop-off location opened at the Old Town Community Garden, accessible 24/7. From April 2019 - May 2022, approximately 70 tons of food scraps have been diverted. The budget for this program was initially \$15,000. Initial expenses included signage, compostable bags, sandwich advertising boards, mailing and printing of postcards, labels, bus stop advertisements, buckets and lids, bag dispensers, hand sanitizer and dispensers, and collection costs. The present yearly budget for tipping is \$12,000. More information is available at <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/foodscraps> CURBSIDE FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION. In April 2022, the Department of Public Works proposed curbside food scrap collection in the FY23 budget; awaiting final approval to move forward.

PDF: [BACKYARD COMPOSTERS, COMPOSTING PROGRAM AND SALES, FOOD SCRAP DROP OFF](#)

PDF: [COLLEGE PARK FOOD SCRAP PRESENTATION SIERRA CLUB.PDF](#)

PDF: [WORK SESSION ON ORGANICS FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION 04.19.2022](#)

Join Maryland Green Registry

5 Points

Program Summary: The City has been a member of the Maryland Green Registry since March 2011.

PDF: [MD GREEN PARTNER CITY_OF_COLLEGE_PARK_PROFILE.PDF](#)

Local Business Roundtable

15 Points

Program Summary: The Downtown College Park Merchants Authority (DTCPPMA) is comprised of 70 businesses that are majority-owned by local entrepreneurs. The officers of the DTCPPMA are local business owners of restaurants and retail shops. The Economic Development Manager is the liaison between the city and its merchants. Discussions ranging from development, permitting, parking, and public safety which are addressed at meetings, and concerns are taken to the city manager and council through its liaison. Meetings are held quarterly. The last meeting agenda is attached. The Local Business Roundtable held meetings on the following dates: · 10/22/21 – Discussed Halloween Donations · 11/9/21 – Open Discussion · 2/10/22 – Discussed DCPMA DTCPPMA Meetings: 10/22/2021; 2pm Virtual by Zoom. Agenda: Discussion of new construction within the DTCPPMA Zone and Halloween donation to College Park Schools and Residents. Attendees: Anna Lee, President and John Brown, Vice President and Michael Williams, Economic Development. Notes/Minutes: Anna notified the group of her willingness to donate clothing items from her 3 Stripes Athletic retail Store. John- stated optimism of the new commercial venues becoming a member in the DTCPPMA. Michael- Discussed his new role with the City and efforts to assist DTCPPMA. Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm. 11/9/2021; 2pm Virtual by Zoom. Agenda: General. John discussed Saturday Football traffic and uptick in activity for Retailers and Restaurants. Anna discussed upcoming Holiday Shopping and Safety Awareness. Meeting Adjourned at 2:20pm. 02/10/2022; (In Person) 2pm at RJ Bentleys Restaurant, Owner and DTCPPMA V.P. John Brown. Agenda: Parking for DTCPPMA Merchants and Inclusion of The Hotel (Southern Management) to DTCPPMA. John discussed the advantages of having The Hotel as a member. Anna discussed more parking for customers in the Downtown Area. Also updating Brochures which advertise free parking at LEDO'S on weekends and after 5pm on weekdays. Meeting Adjourned at 3:30pm.

PDF: [MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA.PDF](#)

Establish Local Business Directory

10 Points

Program Summary: In 2008, the City established a destination website for all retail and service businesses in College Park. The City of College Park helps to promote local businesses by providing an electronic directory known as “Shopcollegepark.org” where local businesses can advertise their products and services to residents and visitors. Shopcollegepark.org allows local small businesses the same opportunities to attract business as their commercial counterparts. This electronic directory provides information on dining, shopping, lodging, transportation, and events. The city uses Salesforce.com to promote and communicate with businesses. In addition, the City of College Park lists all businesses on the website at: <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/312/COVID-19-City-Updates#openbusinesses> The directory is maintained by updating new businesses that are permitted by College Park and Prince George’s County. Updates occur on a monthly basis. During the update, closed businesses are confirmed and delisted.

PDF: [2022 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DASHBOARD PRESENTATION_202204131524246118.PDF](#)

PDF: [SHOP COLLEGE PARK WEBSITE PICTURES](#)

PDF: [BRIEF ECONOMIC FACTS - COLLEGE PARK, MD 2-202106071655146021.PDF](#)

PDF: [DATA AXLE CP BUSINESS LIST.PDF](#)

IMAGE: [BUSINESS LIST ON WEBSITE 05.04.22.PNG](#)

Buy Local Campaign

15 Points

Program Summary: The city has participated in Small Business Saturday for several years. Activities are coordinated by the City’s Economic Development Manager. The city has a general marketing budget that is used for this event to pay for online advertising. The Mayor and Council’s sign an annual proclamation in support of Small Business Saturday. Our buy local campaign is promoted throughout the calendar year. The city starts an inaugural campaign at the beginning of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday shopping seasons. This is the extent of the past two year’s buy local campaign which was smaller than usual due to Covid19. The city’s new Strategic Plan strives to increase by 15% the number of independent small businesses. At the June 7, Mayor and Council Worksession, there was discussion on holding a City-wide business roundtable – Michael Williams, Economic Development Manager: Council discussed a City-wide event where all the businesses can come together to discuss best practices, share ideas and resources, how to support each other, to aid/encourage small and minority owned businesses, how to fund an incubator concept, resources about grants, and restoring the “Business of the Year” Award. Council asked where Michael’s time is best spent, suggested a gap analysis with the business owners, understand what their challenges are and what role the city can play. Involve students in the entrepreneurship program.

PDF: [SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY POSTS](#)

PDF: [SBS PROCLAMATION 2018 111318WSP.PDF](#)

PDF: [COUNCIL MINUTES 6.7.22.PDF](#)

Natural Resources

Innovative Demonstration Projects - Natural Resources

45 Points

Program Summary: TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE 21-O-09 A Citywide tree canopy assessment was completed in April 2019 and identified the following: · Measurable tree canopy loss has been occurring in the City from 44% in 2009 to 40% in 2014, and down to 38% in 2018. · Preservation of existing canopy is critical to maintain the City's tree canopy · A large part of the City's tree canopy is located on residentially zoned land, which comprises about 22%, or 830 acres, of the total City acreage of 3628 The Council requested the Tree and Landscape Board (TLB) to review the tree canopy assessment report and provide recommendations to reduce tree canopy loss. The TLB presented recommendations to Mayor and Council at several meetings between 2019 and 2021. A Public Hearing for Ordinance adoption was held in August of 2021. In April 2022 Council revisited Ordinance 21-O-09, and suggested a few amendments and voted on May 10, 2022 to approve the Tree Protection Ordinance effective July 1, 2022. (More detailed information is attached) TREE IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM In the fall of 2021, the Committee for a Better Environment (CBE) rolled out a Tree Identification Program to identify about 20 common trees along the Trolley Trail in College Park. The group purchased signs and Public Works installed them and our GIS Analyst mapped the locations and created an online storymap (<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/2bb4e8c7031b4770ab57609ca5d559de>). The program will continue in 2022 with about 10 more trees being identified with signage and mapping. The budget for the initial batch of 10 signs and posts was \$1,226.00. BIORETENTION College Park - BMP Installation: Renovations at Duvall Field, the City's primary recreational facility, includes bioretention features. Duvall Field is the home of the College Park Boys and Girls Club, and has seen countless games of youth soccer, football and lacrosse played on its fields. It is also a great community space for events such as National Night Out and Night at the Movies. As part of the first phase of renovation of the Duvall Field facilities, the old concession building was torn down and a brand new beautiful concession building was erected in its place. The plaza has also been upgraded with added seating areas as well as state-of-the-art stormwater management and bio-retention features. The project received approximately \$1,000,000 in State POS and bond bill funding. The contractor was Mid-Atlantic General Contractors. Phase 2 design for the remainder of the park is nearing completion and will go to construction next spring. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT Hollywood Gateway Park: <https://www.hyattsvillewire.com/2020/10/06/hollywood-gateway-park/> Completed October 5, 2020: Native plants were used to stabilize soil on steep slopes, and stone rills were installed to channel rainwater to a rain garden to reduce runoff to the nearby street. A 150-linear foot sidewalk connects 47th Place with the park pavilion and is constructed with permeable concrete to increase on-site percolation of rainwater and mitigate runoff. An initial collaboration with NOAA for use of the park for weather-related education and classes did not come to fruition due to federal funding cuts. Approximately \$500,000 in Community Legacy and POS funding were used for land acquisition and \$730,000 in POS funds for construction. The contractor was McDonnell Landscape, Inc.

PDF: [HOLLYWOOD GATEWAY PARK ADDENDUM1 DRAWINGS.PDF](#)

PDF: [TREE ORDINANCE BINDER.PDF](#)

PDF: [INITIAL 10 SIGNS FOR TROLLEY TRAIL.PDF](#)

PDF: [21-O-09 FINAL CHAPTER 179.PDF](#)

PDF: [DUVALL FIELD.PDF](#)

PDF: [HOLLYWOOD PARK STORY IN HYATT WIRE.PDF](#)

Tree City USA

15 Points

Program Summary: The city is recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a member of the Tree City USA program. The city also has a Tree and Landscape Board. We have celebrated Arbor Day in the City for 33 consecutive years. On April 29, 2022 the City of College Park celebrated Arbor Day, which coincidentally, was the 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day. We planted two native trees (Common Hackberry and Black Tupelo) to replace removed trees near the University of Maryland Child Development Center on Calvert Road. During the event, the city once again received its Tree City USA designation for the 33rd year! The city has processed 45 Tree Canopy Enhancement (TCEP) applications from residents that purchased and planted trees on their properties in the past 3 years. On April 23, 2022, the city held its first ever Earth Day tree giveaway. Residents had to register online and were able to choose 2 native trees from a list of 10 various species. It was a great success, with 123 residents signing up to receive trees.

PDF: [ARBOR DAY PROC. LETTERS FILES AND PICTURES](#)

PDF: [MAYOR AND COUNCIL TREE ORDINANCE MINUTES 2021](#)

PDF: [EARTH DAY FREE TREE GIVEAWAY 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [TREE AND LANDSCAPE BOARD AGENDA AND MINUTES AUGUST 2021](#)

IMAGE: [ARBORDAY 2022.PNG](#)

PDF: [TREECITYUSA LETTER 03.25.22.PDF](#)

Bee City USA

10 Points

Program Summary: On November 19, 2019, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 19-R-24 as a requirement to become a Bee City USA affiliate, and in April 2020, they passed a subsequent Resolution 20-R-10 to create a new committee "Bee City USA" to facilitate broad-based community involvement to make the community as pollinator-friendly as possible. The first virtual committee meeting was held on December 9, 2020. The committee celebrated National Pollinator Week, during the third full week in June 2021, which included a proclamation by Mayor and Council, and planned an educational event that participants could engage in remotely due to Covid restrictions. The Committee utilized the City's website & social media to engage participants in Pollinator Bingo, where they used the bingo card to search for various pollinators & their food sources to fill the bingo card. The committee developed a native plant list and vendor list where native pollinator-friendly plants could be purchased, as well as an IPM plan which are requirements for a Bee City affiliate. Bee City has a \$1,750 budget for 2022. In September 2021, the Bee City committee distributed milkweed seed packets that they made to help support local monarch butterflies as part of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. The milkweed seeds were collected in College Park, packaged, labeled, and distributed in Little Free Libraries in College Park by Bee City Committee members. Seed packet info included - milkweed seeds can be sown this fall or stored in the refrigerator until next spring for sowing as they require a cold period to germinate. Monarch caterpillars like to eat the milkweed plants, so don't be surprised to see evidence of their feeding or a caterpillar! Bee City Staff Liaison, Brenda Alexander and Bee City member, Anahi Espindola attended the two Green Team Pollinator Workshops that were held in 2021. In November 2021 a demonstration pollinator planting was created using native seeds, as a Good Neighbor Day project. A sign was installed to identify College Park as a Bee City USA affiliate. Events are publicized on the city website, and a webpage is maintained at <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/322/Insects-Pollinators#pollinators>. In April 2022, the City rolled out a new "No Mow April" initiative as recommended by the Bee City Committee. Staff created artwork, and the city purchased about 200 signs for residents to put in their yard. The city advertised this initiative on social media, the Here and Now newspaper and the Municipal Scene. No Mow April was a great success with approximate 350 residents signing up online, we ran out of signs but offered a digital sign for residents to print out to show their support. With input from the Bee City Committee and the City's Horticulturist, the Girl Scouts created a Pollinator Garden at the entrance to the City's Permaculture Garden in the Spring of 2022.

PDF: [20-R-10.BEE_CITY_USA_COMMITTEE_STS_\(002\).PDF](#)

PDF: [21-R-24 POLLINATOR FRIENDLY HABITAT.PDF](#)

PDF: [POLLINATOR PICS AND NO MOW.PDF](#)

PDF: [BEE CITY APPLICATION SCAN 2022.PDF](#)

PDF: [BEE CITY BINDER.PDF](#)

PDF: [GIRL SCOUT POLLINATOR GARDEN.PDF](#)

Create an Insect Hotel

5 Points

Program Summary: The City of College Park's Bee City USA Committee purchased Bee Hotels and installed them in three locations in the City (Old Town Community Garden, Berwyn Permaculture Garden, and Hollywood Gateway Park) to help attract pollinators. The Bee City Committee will maintain the Insect Hotels, following the instructions of the BeeAware maintenance sheet attached. Bee Hotel locations (map also attached) · Old Town Community Garden – mounted on the right, rear side of the fence surrounding garden · Berwyn Permaculture Garden – mounted on the back of the fence separating trail from stormwater · Hollywood Gateway Park – mounted on the lower left outside portion of structure The City of College Park's Bee City USA Committee and College Park Art Exchange teamed up to host a Bee Hotel Building Workshop on Saturday, June 25th from 1-4pm at Davis Hall (9217 51st Ave., College Park, MD, 20740), to celebrate National Pollinator week, people had to pre-register and a small fee of \$10 per bee house was used to offset the cost of materials. There were 19 hotels built, and 25 people attended.

PDF: [BUILD A BEE HOTEL ADVERTISEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [BEE HOTELS.PDF](#)

PDF: [BEEAWARE-HOUSE-MAINTENANCE-INSTRUCTIONS-VER-2.PDF](#)

PDF: [INSECT HOTELS.PDF](#)

Adopt a Pet Waste Ordinance

5 Points

Program Summary: The City has maintained an Animal Waste ordinance since 1991 that subjects pet owners to penalties for allowing their pets solid waste to remain in public spaces. The City has many dog waste stations with pickup bags and waste receptacle located throughout the City. This encourages pet owners to dispose of their pet waste by providing convenient access to dog waste bags and trash cans. The City continues to add more locations as needed; as of November 2021 there are 34 dog waste stations that are regularly serviced by the City.

PDF: [ANIMAL WASTE CODE](#)

PDF: [ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE](#)

Develop a Pet Waste Program

5 Points

Program Summary: The City has many dog waste stations with biodegradable collection bags and waste receptacles located throughout the City. This encourages pet owners to dispose of their pet waste by providing convenient access to dog waste bags and trash cans. The City continues to add more locations as needed; as of November 2021 there are 34 dog waste stations that are regularly serviced by the City.

PDF: [PET WASTE LOCATIONS.PDF](#)

PDF: [PET WASTE STATION MAP.PDF](#)

Implement Watershed Stewardship / Pollution Prevention Outreach Program(s)

10 Points

Program Summary: Storm Drain Murals: In the Fall of 2021, the Committee for a Better Environment partnered with the College Park Arts Exchange to bring environmental awareness about pollution, specifically what goes down the drain ends up in our waterways. The storm drain murals depict animals that are part of the Anacostia Watershed. It is our hope that we can continue this project throughout the City. The first location chosen was along the bike trail in Old Town College Park and depicts Otters at Play. The second location is in the Berwyn neighborhood also prominently located along the busy Trolley Trail, and features Herons. The third storm drain mural painted in the spring of 2022 features aquatic plants and a salamander, it is located in front of 5207 Lackawanna Street, prior to the entrance to the Greenbelt Metro. CBE coordinates with artists, and handles all logistics. CBE approved \$750 in supplies for the murals. Artists are provided and paid for by the College Park Arts Exchange budget.

PDF: [MUNICIPAL SCENE CBE STORM DRAIN ARTICLE](#)

PDF: [HYATTSVILLE WIRE STORM DRAIN ARTICLE](#)

IMAGE: [HERON ARTWORK](#)

IMAGE: [OTTER PICTURE](#)

PDF: [STORMWATER MURAL INFORMATION](#)

IMAGE: [LACKAWANNA STREET MURAL](#)

Planning & Land Use

Participation in DHCD Sustainable Communities

20 Points

Program Summary: The City was designated a Sustainable Community in 2012 after 11 years of Community Legacy designation. Our designation was renewed in 2017 and our 2022 renewal request is pending. The Sustainable Community plan continues to be based on existing plans, including the City of College Park Strategic Plan 2021-2025, and the College Park City-University Partnership Vision 2030. The entire City of College Park is designated as a sustainable community to reflect citywide goals for revitalization and redevelopment, transportation, sustainability, and housing. Progress in all these areas has been made in the last five years. Highlights of activities completed include construction of a new City Hall and Plaza in the downtown area, a new 3-year micro-mobility share contract for electric bikes and scooters, construction of the Hollywood Streetscape Project, design and construction of sidewalks as part of our Complete Streets program, Rhode Island Avenue buffered bike lanes, a feasibility study for a Purple Line Multi-Use Trail, electric vehicle purchases, establishment of a compost drop-off facility with curbside pickup planned, and continuation of our homeownership programs. Main Projects Link

<https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/252/Projects> · City Hall

<https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/cityhall> · Hollywood Streetscape

<https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/281/Hollywood-Streetscape> · Hollywood Road Sidewalk

Study <https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/283/Hollywood-Road-Sidewalk> · Rhode Island

Avenue Protected Bike Lanes [https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/298/Rhode-Island-Ave-](https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/298/Rhode-Island-Ave-Protected-Bike-Lane)

Protected-Bike-Lane · Complete Street Projects

<https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/318/Complete-and-Green-Streets-Implementatio>

PDF: [SM DHCD 2012 BINDER1.PDF](#)

PDF: [CALVERT ROAD SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEGACY PROJECT](#)

PDF: [FNL 2022 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES RENEWAL APPLICATION \(1\).PDF](#)

PDF: [APPROVED DHCD MD SUST COMM APPLICATION 2017](#)

PDF: [CITY OF COLLEGE PARK DHCD SUST COMM MAPPER](#)

PDF: [SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL, CITY OF COLLEGE PARK.PDF](#)

Historic Preservation

Historic Area Zoning Ordinance

10 Points

Program Summary: A Preservation of Historic Resources Ordinance (CB-142-1981) was established on November 24, 1981 by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland. This designation is for the Old Town section of College Park. The City Planning and Community Development Department was involved and the Old Town College Park Local Advisory Committee (LAC). The benefits since adoption are that we are able to protect the character and integrity of the Old Town College Park Historic District. The challenges since adoption are ensuring people are aware that they are in a Historic District and need a Historic Area Work Permit prior to doing any exterior work to a structure in the district.

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Establish National Register Historic District

10 Points

Program Summary: The Calvert Hills Historic District (PG-66-37), a neighborhood roughly bounded by Calvert Road, Bowdoin Avenue, Erskine Road, Calvert Park, Albion Road and Baltimore Avenue, was certified on the National Register on December 23, 2002. It contains a total of 557 properties: 505 contributing and 52 non-contributing. The properties reflect the 1890-1948 time period. The National Register historic district has maintained its status within the last program year. Attached is a link to the Nomination form that includes the key staff and committees involved and the maps: Nomination form for Old Town College Park (https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/Medusa/PDF/NR_PDFs/NR-1532.pdf) (file is too big to attach) Nomination form for Calvert Hills (https://mht.maryland.gov/secure/Medusa/PDF/NR_PDFs/NR-1331.pdf)

IMAGE: [CP HISTORIC DISTRICT IN THE CITY WEB PAGE.PNG](#)

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Establish Local Historic Property Tax Incentives

15 Points

Program Summary: County Council Bill CB-046-2013 enacted July 24, 2013, and signed by the County Executive August 6, 2013, increased the county's Historic Preservation Tax Credit from 10% to 25%. The credit for new construction is 10%. CB-48-2017, proposed by Councilmember Deni Taveras and introduced by the full Council, was adopted by the Prince George's County Council on October 24, 2017, and signed into law by County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III on November 3, 2017. This new provision allows owners of historic resources who participate in the County's program, more time to realize the property tax-based refunds available for rehabilitation or restoration expenses approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. As of December 21, 2017, the amortization period for the County's historic property tax credit program has been extended from five years to ten years. In FFY 2021, owners of 10 properties were granted tax credits (including 7 properties in the Old Town College Park Historic District, with a total credit amount of \$318,282.70). The City promotes the County incentive program through the City web-site and through their Resident Guide that is mailed to all residents of College Park. The Senior Planner of the City of College Park actively directs all residents to the appropriate County Staff when questions regarding Historic Preservation arise. The City offers a home owner assistance grant that encourages home ownership conversion in all areas of the City including the Historic Districts.

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Become a Certified Local Government

15 Points

Program Summary: Prince George's County applied to become a Certified Local Government on April 19, 1985 and was approved on July 24, 1985. The key actor is Prince George's County and its partner is the Maryland Historical Trust (the State Historic Preservation Office for Maryland). The County established an historic preservation review commission consisting of 9 members (2 professional and 7 non-professional) that has continuously operated since after becoming certified in 1985. The City of College Park has and continues to support the County in the CLG program.

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Transportation

Complete Streets Policy and Program

15 Points

Program Summary: Complete Streets Policy and Program The City of College Park adopted a Complete and Green Streets Policy on April 12, 2016. This was preceded by a Complete Streets Policy and Implementation Plan prepared by Kittelson & Associates, Inc. under a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Technical Assistance Grant completed in March 2016. This report examined existing conditions and proposed project principles and included a public input process to get feedback on neighborhood issues. Staff from the City's Planning, Public Works and Engineering Departments met regularly to rate and rank city streets and develop a matrix for prioritizing streets for improvements and funding in the Capital Improvements Program. Streets that connect to US Route 1 (Baltimore Avenue) and other destinations such as Metro Stations, schools, parks, and shopping, are considered priority streets. Factors affecting implementation include availability of right-of-way, location of utilities, existing tree canopy and landscaping and community support. In 2021, A. Morton Thomas and Associates (AMT) was retained to review the City's street network and staff's matrix of connector streets and recommended initial priority locations for the installation of sidewalks. The City Council prioritized five street segments for 30% design and AMT completed the design plans. Subsequently, funding for these projects were included in the City Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget. Annually, city staff reviews locations for inclusion in the CIP. Typically, design is funded in one year followed by construction. Sidewalk projects that have been completed or are underway include: Edmonston Road (between Old Calvert Road and Bryn Mawr Road), 52nd Avenue (between Huron Street and Narragansett Parkway), Cherokee Street (between 48th Place and Rhode Island Avenue), Bowdoin Avenue (between Erskine Road and Harvard Road), and Hollywood Road (between Baltimore Avenue and Rhode Island Avenue). A bicycle project to add protected bike lanes to Rhode Island Avenue between MD 193 and Niagara Road will be completed this fall. A Complete and Green Streets Implementation Plan, Analysis and 30 Percent Design for Five Street Segments can be found at the following link:
<https://www.collegeparkmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2867/Approved-Final-Report---College-Park-Complete-Green-Streets?bidId=>

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IMAGE: [COMPLETE GREEN STREETS WEBPAGE SNAPSHOT.PNG](#)

IMAGE: [HOLLYWOOD ROAD SNAPSHOT.PNG](#)

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Innovative Demonstration Projects - Transportation

30 Points

Program Summary: BIKE TO WORK DAY: The City's 2021 Bike-to-Work Day (BTWD) was held at Duvall Field, a City-owned park. In previous years, the event was held at the City of College Park City Hall, but the site was changed due to construction. The 2022 Bike-to-Work Day was Friday, May 20, 2022 at City Hall, 122 registered and 52 attended. The City budgets \$1,000 for Bike to Work Day to pay for refreshments for riders (coffee, fruit, snacks, etc.). Planning,

Communications and Event Planning are responsible for Bike to Work Day. BIKESHARE PROGRAM: The City, in conjunction with the Town of University Park and the University of Maryland (UMD), contracted with the bikeshare company VeoRide, Inc. in July of 2019 to establish a 1-year shared mobility system. VeoRide provides a rentable fleet of electric bicycles, pedal bicycles and scooters that are accessible through the use of a mobile app. In order to facilitate equitable access for low-income residents, the company was required to provide and market a discounted pricing program to eligible users as well as provide prepaid payment methods for users without access to credits cards, bank accounts, or smartphones. The pilot program was extended due to the shelter-in-place orders and closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The service is popular with users, with scooters being rented far more than bicycles. In 2021, for instance, over 200,000 individual scooter rides were recorded. The service is most heavily used by UMD students, with heat maps showing that Regents Drive on campus is the most heavily trafficked street. In fact, one of the most common and consistent complaints is the unavailability of scooters past 9 PM due to UMD's 'no ride zone' policy. The parking of scooters at inappropriate locations throughout the City also elicited feedback from residents. The City has attempted to rectify the issue by providing additional parking locations for the vehicles. There are now 50 citywide racks and hubs in which users can park their vehicles, serving a fleet of 50 e-bikes and 150 scooters. The City expects to add additional parking in 2022 and beyond as appropriate, particularly in the residential neighborhoods where many students live, and from where they commute. We were awarded a \$54,087 Maryland Bikeways grant to retrofit existing parking locations with bike racks, corrals, and signage as necessary to encourage appropriate parking. This retrofitting is expected to be complete by the end of 2022. The City, Town of University Park, and the University of Maryland successfully completed the pilot program in early 2022. The City Council approved a 3-year mobility share agreement with VeoRide Inc. on April 12, 2022. The agreement includes provisions to incrementally increase the fleet to satisfy increased rider demand. EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE: Commuter Benefit - The City will contribute \$75.00 per month towards a full-time employee's Metro SmarTrip card when the employee agrees that the benefit will only be used for commuting back and forth to work at the City on at least 50% of her or her scheduled workdays. The employee will contribute \$5.00 towards the initial cost of a new card and will be responsible for replacement. As of June 2022, there are 5 employees who take advantage of this incentive. Finance implements this initiative; there are no additional costs to the City. SIDEWALK PEDESTRIAN ACCESS: Sidewalk project for pedestrian access and safety which will encourage residents to walk. About the project: Hollywood Road Sidewalk Feasibility Study and Design at Rhode Island Avenue in College Park. There is currently no sidewalk on this street, so residents must walk in the roadway and risk being hit by a car. Design plans will address existing right-of-way where the planned sidewalk will be installed, existing trees and utilities, and access to the Hollywood Playground. The feasibility study is complete. The cost of the study was approximately \$14,000. The project is managed by the Department of Planning, Community, and Economic Development. Public outreach included a community meeting with residents in November of 2018 where Mike Norton of Norton Land Design presented the results of a feasibility study that considered the potential installation of a sidewalk along Hollywood Road between Rhode Island Avenue and Baltimore Avenue. The presentation included an overview of current conditions and preliminary drawings of the recommended sidewalk installation. In addition, there was a presentation to Council, with opportunity for public input, in December of 2018. Funding: Anticipated Project Cost: \$95,000 Funding comes from the Safe Routes to School grant program and the Complete and Green Streets Capital Improvement Program. This project advanced to the next stage in 2020. Request for Proposal for final design (100%) was issued on December 18, 2020. Proposals were due on January 22, 2021. City Council approved an award of contract to Mead and Hunt in May 2021. Anticipated Total Design Cost: \$100,957.74. Construction funds have not been budgeted. Funding comes from the Federal/State Safe Routes to School grant program in the amount of \$79,200 and the balance will be funded by the College Park Complete and Green Streets Capital Improvement Program. Design completed - Spring 2022

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